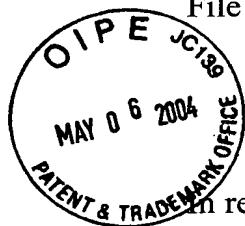


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In re Application of

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For: KRAFT PULP YIELD BY HEAT  
TREATMENT OF POLYSULPHIDE  
LIQUORS GENERATED BY  
OXIDATION

Art Unit 1731

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004.

The claims are hereby amended to cancel the non-elected claims.

A full set of the claims on file following entry of this amendment is presented hereafter under the heading "Claim Amendments" in conjunction with a status identifier.